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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
NOBUHIKO TAKEKOSHI)	Examiner: S. Chan
Application No.: 10/082,179)	Group Art Unit: 1734
Filed: February 26, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 2417
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	August 10, 2004

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

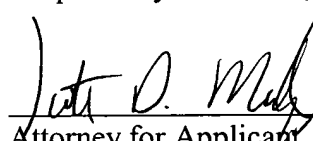
Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the Notice of Allowability mailed June 18, 2004.

In response to the Statement, Applicant respectfully wishes to point out that the claims do not recite that the drying means dries the laminating object "after an image was formed by ink discharged from a recording head."

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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